

Dear Commissioners:

Stop hidden phone fees so I can truly compare prices of phone services. I support the petition filed by the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates and endorsed by other consumer advocacy organizations. CG Docket No. 04-208, Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Truth-In-Billing and Billing Format, is long overdue.

Phone bills should be truthful and easy to understand. PHONE BILLS SHOULD BE TRUTHFUL AND EASY TO UNDERSTAND because some of us want to believe honesty and integrity still outweigh deceit and incredibility. Some of us want to believe that within the corporate democracy that rules this nation there is the rule of thought that WE ARE NOT STUPID. So, quit playing a shell-game with the hidden charges knowingly trying to SCREW THE PUBLIC any which way you can. It makes you look like GREEDY BASTARDS and I don't want to think that about you. It's bad enough I think that and worse of the Bush administration and what they have done to the American public and how they think they can just continue on their merry way thinking that some of us didn't notice and still don't notice how much they have LIE to us. Many innocent people have been KILLED through deceit and incredibility and further GROSS MISCALCULATIONS in judgment. As it is not in the best interest of a service company to LIE and STEAL from its customers, it is not in the best interest of a government priding itself on what a DEMOCRACY it is to LIE and STEAL from the people it represents - it is ABUSIVE - its CRIMINAL - so STOP IT.

Because this practice is tolerated by the FCC, long distance and wireless phone companies are able to hide the true cost of service. These add-ons make the advertised price of service significantly less than the amount of the check I have to write each month to pay the bill. Competition will not work if consumers cannot accurately compare prices when shopping for service.

Many states are stepping up to address this problem. They should be allowed to proceed. However, the FCC shouldn't shirk its responsibility, nor limit states from doing more.

The FCC should immediately grant the NASUCA petition to investigate billing practices, and prohibit phone and wireless companies from imposing separate monthly fees, line items or surcharges unless expressly mandated by law or the charge is expressly authorized by a governmental authority.